(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The representations are mainly on the ground that trifurcation will adversely affect the working and supervision of the religious and charitable institutions and other welfare activities of the Muslims of the concerned States; that there is disparity in income and expenditure of the Wakf properties to that of Muslim Population; that Muslims of the concerned States are opposed to the trifurcation; and there may be difficulty in appointing members in the separate Wakf Boards as per provisions of the Wakf Act, 1995. The representations also say that the Punjab Wakf Board should be an inter-State body like the Sikh Gurudwara Prabandak Committee.

(d) Does not arise.

Assistance for welfare of SCs/STs and other backward classses

†1973. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to increase the amount of Special Central Assistance for Schemes of personal benefit regarding welfare of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission has allocated funds under the scheme of Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Special Component Plan (SCP) for Scheduled Castes development and Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) for development of Scheduled Tribes as per details given below:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Schemes	BE 2002-03	BE 2003-04
SCA to SCP	371.62	376.91
SCAtoTSP	500.00	500.00

There is no scheme of Special Central Assistance for Other Backward Classes.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.